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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/596,386	<b>Applicant(s)</b> GUILLEMONT ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Kahsay Habte	<b>Art Unit</b> 1624	

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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention:

a. In claim 1 (page 49, line 10), the term "thio" is a generic one, indicating the presence of sulfur in some form. As a substituent, it has no one single generally accepted meaning. There could be intended thioxo (=S) or mercapto (-SH). It can also denote replacement by S of some other atom (normally, oxygen or carbon) as in "thioalkoxy", where O is replaced by S. Perhaps some term which began with "thio", like thiophene was intended. Whatever choice is selected must be supported by the specification.

b. In claim 1 or elsewhere in the claims, the definition of alkyl as "or cyclic saturated hydrocarbon radical having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms.." is not clear. In HACKH'S CHEMICAL DICTIONARY, alkyl ( $C_nH_{2n+1}$ ) is defined as "A monovalent radical derived from an aliphatic hydrocarbon by removal of 1H; as methyl, ethyl, propyl, etc". The definition of alkyl in applicant's own specification and in the claims is contrary

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to the ordinary meaning of alkyl. Applicants are using alkyl to include cycloalkyl such as cyclohexyl or cycloheptyl. Applicant can be their own lexicographer, but they can't use terms that are already known in the art to have certain meaning.

c. In claim 8, the phrase "for use as a medicine" is a mental step since it does not recite steps. The claim language starts as a compound claim, but ends up as a method of use language. Do applicants intend a method of use claim? If so, the claim should be written in a method of use claim language. If not, claim 8 is a duplicate of claim 1.

d. Multiply dependent claims 5-6 and 9-10 are rejected because they depend from another claim/s that is/are multiply dependent. For example, multiply dependent claim 10 depends from claim 9 that is already multiply dependent on anyone of claims 1-6.

e. Claim 10 provides for the use of a compound, but, since the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process, it is unclear what method/process applicant is intending to encompass. A claim is indefinite where it merely recites a use without any active, positive steps delimiting how this use is actually practiced.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

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Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed recitation of a use, without setting forth any steps involved in the process, results in an improper definition of a process, i.e., results in a claim which is not a proper process claim under 35 U.S.C. 101. See for example *Ex parte Dunki*, 153 USPQ 678 (Bd.App. 1967) and *Clinical Products, Ltd. v. Brenner*, 255 F. Supp. 131, 149 USPQ 475 (D.D.C. 1966).

### **Conclusion**

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kahsay Habte, Ph. D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0667. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9.00AM- 5:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached at (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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